

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, October 19, 2017
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Danny Hale, Vice Chair
Kory Barclay
Shari Cornish
Elizabeth Dow

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Brittany Currie, Business Manager
Tom Fadden, Road Foreman
Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

Others Present

Anna Pirie, AWARE
Mike Bielawski-Gazette

6:01 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order

6:01 P.M. – Select Board to consider approval of the minutes for its regular Select Board meeting of October 5, 2017

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of October 5, 2017 as written.

6:02 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda- Brittany mentioned there would be no HED report.

6:02 P.M. – Communication from the Audience - None

6:03 P.M. – 6:12 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on the PD Contract, Town cold storage facility, Town mobile home, Town House, Water Systems Operations Manual, Town financial audit (See attached report for more details).

Danny had questions about the expenses for the mobile home destruction and Brittany explained that the Town got money from interest on properties that repay but have unbudgeted expenses on those that don't.

6:12 P.M. – 6:16 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Tom Fadden

Tom reported on equipment being serviced and repaired, putting down hot mix in Town, spot grading, removing beaver dams, running wire for the South Main Street streetlights, repairing posts on South Main Street, running power to the cold storage, and stacking firewood (See attached report for more details).

6:16 P.M. – 6:21 P.M. Police Chief Report – Given by Aaron Cochran

Aaron said there was over 200 calls the past two weeks including a low-speed pursuit, DUI crash, aggravated domestic assault, and multiple alarms. Aaron reported about burglaries in the surrounding area including one that was armed so he urged people to watch for suspicious activity. He mentioned the upcoming K9 training in Hardwick the department was hosting. He also mentioned Halloween coming up and stated that the PD was collecting candy again for people in the village to disburse and that he would be closing the streets at about 5pm. He mentioned wanting to discuss with Center for Ag about hosting a trunk or treat next year at Atkins Field and reported that Hazen Union would be doing a haunted house on October 28th and 29th from 5pm-7pm.

6:21 P.M. – 6:24 P.M. Item # 1, Select Board to consider approval of Jodi Lew-Smith to the Jeudevine Library for a term ending in 2019.

Jon told the Board that the Library trustees had unanimously voted to add Jodi to their board.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to appoint Jodi Lew-Smith to the Jeudevine Library Board for a term ending in 2019.

6:24 P.M. – 6:28 P.M. Item # 2, Select Board to discuss work at the Peace Park on Main Street by Anna Pirie, Director of AWARE.

Anna told the Board that AWARE had recently hosted a candlelight vigil in the Peace Park and would like to repeat this in the future. She said her volunteers would like to do some work to the park to include pulling out shrubs, painting the retaining wall, and dedicating it to Rhonda Gravel-Gray. She mentioned that it was a nice space and would like to see it be more utilized.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to allow the work at the Peace Park on Main Street by AWARE as discussed.

6:28 P.M. – 6:55 P.M. Item # 3, Select Board to discuss year-end budget results of FY2017 from Brittany Currie, Business Manager.

Brittany presented the year-end budget results for FY2017. The Town ended \$77,830.83 in the positive mostly because of additional grant funds and savings in heating and diesel fuels (See attached report for more details).

6:55 P.M. – 7:05 P.M. Item # 4, Select Board to discuss quarter-end budget results of Quarter 1 FY2018 from Brittany Currie, Business Manager.

Brittany presented the first quarter budget results for FY2018. All budgets were right on track for another positive year ahead (See attached report for more details).

7:05 P.M. – 7:18 P.M. Item # 5, Select Board to discuss and consider renewing 3 year lease agreement for the Town House with NEKArts.

Jon explained that the changes included the lease being extended to November 15th, 2020 as well as an option for NEKArts to operate year-round if they so chose to but to have the responsibility of maintaining the doorways and walkways at that point. Danny mentioned his fear of having more expenses for the Town if the building is operated year round. Shari explained that the lease spelled out who is responsible for what and that the length of the building operations would not affect that.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to direct Jon to sign the lease for the Hardwick Town House.

Select Board Reports - Shari mentioned upcoming events at the Town House. Eric thanked those who came to the pumpkin walk.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

7:20 P.M. - *Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss legal matters to include Jon Jewett, Town Manager.*

7:38 P.M. – The Select Board came out of Executive Session. No decisions were made.

7:39 P.M. - Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: _____
Brittany Currie, Business Manager